# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:159
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2003
REVISION OF CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING CREAMY LAYER AMONG OBCs
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has decided to set up a committee to review the criteria for determining creamy layer among Other Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its composition;

(c) the time by which the committee is likely to submit its report;

(d) whether the Government is considering ways and means to make reservation of SCs, STs, and OBCs in private sector effective;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government has also decided to set up social justice centres in selected districts of the country; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which these centres would facilitate rehabilitation of target groups?

## Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (g) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to part (a) to (g) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 159 for11.12.2003 regarding `Revision of Criteria for Determining Creamy Layer among OBCs` asked by Dr.(Mrs.) Rajeswar Amma Vukkala and Shri Iqbal Ahmed Saradgi

(a) to (c): The Government has decided to review the income criteria for identificationof `Creamy Layer` amongst OBCs .This work has been entrusted to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC). The Commission will review the existingceiling of income/wealth to determine the `Creamy Layer` amongst OBCs and also toevolve and suggest formulae through which the periodic revision of income ceiling /criteria in terms of quantum of rupee be fixed so that the income ceiling for determining the `Creamy Layer` amongst OBCs is revised from time to time as per the formula. The Commission has been requested to submit its recommendations to the Government within three months.

(d) & (e) Presently there is no reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes andOther Backward Classes in the private sector.

(f) & (g) The Government has decided to set up Social Justice Centres to facilitaterehabilitation of the target groups by disseminating information about policies and programmes of the Ministry; collecting applications for concessional credit to be availed through State Channelising agencies by way of reference from the Apex Finance and Development Corporations; and collecting applications from students with disabilities for award of National Scholarship.